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Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Virginia Tech's Coach Frank Beamer, who, after 29 years, will retire at the end of this season as a football coach, mentor, friend, and role model on and off the field.

Coach Beamer was a 3-year starting cornerback for the Hokies, and after taking over as the Hokies' head coach in 1987, he built the football program at his alma mater into a national power. Coach Beamer stands as the winningest active Division I football coach and the sixth all-time, with 279 career wins.

Mr. Speaker, during his 29 years at Virginia Tech, he has 237 victories and has guided the Hokies to four ACC titles, 3 Big East championships, 6 appearances in BCS bowl games, and has posted 13 seasons with 10 or more wins. At the end of this month, Virginia Tech will play in a bowl game for the 23rd consecutive year under Beamer's lead, the longest current streak in college football recognized by the NCAA.

Beamer has been the face of the Hokie football team and the Virginia Tech community as a whole for many years, and he will certainly be missed.

Thank you, Coach Beamer, for all that you have contributed to Virginia Tech, to Blacksburg, and to the game of college football.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF D. PATRICK CURLEY AND HIS 50 YEARS OF SERVICE TO WESTERN NEW YORK

(Mr. HIGGINS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the career of D. Patrick Curley and his 50 years of service to western New York.

Pat Curley was born and raised in Buffalo. After a stop at Boston College to earn a mathematics degree, he returned home and became an instructor at D'Youville and Canisius Colleges.

In 1977, Pat started a consulting company where, for decades, he helped western New York businesses stay competitive in the global marketplace.

Pat served on the board of the New York Power Authority and was elected to three terms on the Orchard Park Town Board. He has served in leadership positions for more than two dozen charitable organizations; and for the past 46 years, he has been a member of the Orchard Park Volunteer Fire Company, where he has responded to more than 5,000 emergency calls.

Pat has had a varied career, but the common thread in his life and his work has been his love for his family and western New York.

So, Pat, on behalf of a grateful community, please enjoy your well-earned retirement.

CONGRATULATIONS OSSEO HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

(Mr. PAULSEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Osseo High School football team for winning the Minnesota State title with a tight victory over East Ridge in the championship game.

The Orioles showed heart with close victories in both the semifinals and in the title game. With only 24 seconds left on the clock, Osseo scored the game-tying touchdown, and the successful extra point gave them the victory and State championship.

Osseo's State run had the entire town buzzing as they sent off the team with a parade before the championship game.

Mr. Speaker, winning a State title is only possible with years of dedication and hard work. At the same time, these student athletes must focus off the field as well, at the same time, in order to succeed in the classroom and make a positive impact in the school community.

The families, friends, and fans of the players at Osseo High School should all be very proud of their fantastic season.

Congratulations to the Orioles on their successful State championship.

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TAKE ACTION TO END GUN VIOLENCE IN OUR NATION

(Mr. MCNERNEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MCNERNEY. Mr. Speaker, last Wednesday, December 2, the Nation was devastated by another mass shooting in San Bernardino, California. On December 2, there were three mass shootings in the United States. The fact that this violence is routine and ordinary is incomprehensible.

Mr. Speaker, it is particularly incomprehensible that people who are on the no-fly list are able to legally purchase assault weapons. How is it that someone considered too dangerous to fly is able to purchase an assault weapon? There is a solution, though, Mr. Speaker. A bill proposed by PETER KING of New York will not allow people on the no-fly list to purchase weapons without a sufficient background check.

Mr. Speaker, gun violence in our Nation kills nearly 90 people every day, roughly 32,000 people a year. I am a gun owner, but there are reasonable approaches to keeping guns out of the hands of dangerous individuals while still protecting our Second Amendment rights.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support legislation that will end daily shootings and protect our citizens.

FRIVOLOUS ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS STALL HOUSE BUSINESS

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, responsibly funding the government on time is one of the most basic and fundamental tasks of Members of Congress.

This entire year, Republicans have been at the table pushing the work through the committee process to determine how best to allocate this funding. And coming into this week, there was healthy debate and negotiations on moving forward with these plans.

However, yesterday, the partisan dialogue we witnessed from a number of my colleagues across the aisle was nothing more than a ruse. Five separate motions to adjourn in order to stall a bipartisan bill to tighten our visa system and protect our Nation's security, with purely political procedural votes to push their own gun control agendas is simply ridiculous. It wasted at least 3 hours of legislative time.

Mr. Speaker, this is a time when Americans need their Representatives to come to the table and stop letting politics get in the way of actually getting the people's work done around this place.

DENYING FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES TO DANGEROUS TERRORISTS

(Mr. KENNEDY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to echo the demands of my colleagues, on both sides of the aisle, for a vote on the Denying Firearms and Explosives to Dangerous Terrorists Act of 2015.

Passing this bill transcends politics. It is about ensuring the safety and security of families, communities, and the country we represent.

In the past 2 years, 94 percent of individuals we suspect of planning terror attacks have been able to successfully pass background checks and purchase deadly weapons. We are sitting idly by as those planning to do harm to our citizens obtain the tools to do just that. That we would choose to do nothing to stop it is simply unfathomable to me.

We have a chance today to close a loophole in our laws before it is exploited, before we find ourselves standing on this floor once again for another moment of silence. The families who have lost loved ones to gun violence and the victims themselves deserve more than a deafening silence emanating from this Chamber.

65 PERCENT SAY MEDIA HAS "NEGATIVE EFFECT" ON COUNTRY

(Mr. SMITH of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, Americans' distrust of national news